

proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Owen, Esquire, of the India Office, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and Our trusty and well-beloved Philip Edward Thomas, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, to be Assistant Secretary to the Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the tenth day of *August*, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

H. J. Gladstone.

At the Court at *Goodwood House*, the 1st day of *August*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and forty-two, and of the Act of the sixty-first and sixty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter twenty-three, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the fourteenth day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and forty-two and of the Act of the sixty-first and sixty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter twenty-three, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for effecting an union of two contiguous benefices situate within the metropolis, and within the county of Kent and the diocese of Southwark, namely, the benefice (being a rectory) of Saint Luke, Charlton, and the benefice (being a rectory) of Saint Paul, Charlton, and for effecting certain other measures incidental to or arising out of such union.

“Whereas the Right Reverend Edward Stuart, Bishop of the said diocese of Southwark, has caused proposals for a scheme for effecting an union of the said two benefices to be laid before us, which proposals were prepared under the seventh and eighth sections of the firstly mentioned Act and were approved by the said Edward Stuart, Bishop of the said diocese of Southwark, and were assented to by the patron of the two benefices to be affected thereby, that is to say, by Sir Spencer Pocklington Maryon-Maryon-Wilson, Baronet, of Eastbourne, and the same proposals were also assented to by the vestries of the parishes concerned, that is to say, by the vestry of the parish of Saint Luke, Charlton, and by the vestry of the new parish of Saint Paul, Charlton.

“And whereas it appears to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, to be expedient that the said proposed union of the said

two benefices should be effected, and that such arrangements relating thereto and to the other matters hereinafter contained should be made as are hereinafter mentioned.

“And whereas the said Edward Stuart, Bishop of the said diocese of Southwark, as such Bishop, and the said Spencer Pocklington Maryon-Maryon-Wilson, as the patron of the said two benefices and the vestries of the said parishes respectively are willing that the scheme for effecting the said union should embody certain modifications of the said proposals, and this present scheme does embody the same modifications accordingly, but otherwise is based upon the said proposals.

“Now therefore with the consent of the said Edward Stuart, Bishop of Southwark (in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and episcopal seal) and with the consent of the said Spencer Pocklington Maryon-Maryon-Wilson (in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and seal) and with the consents of the vestry of the said parish of Saint Luke, Charlton, and of the vestry of the said new parish of Saint Paul, Charlton (in testimony of which consents this scheme is signed in the case of each of the said vestries by the chairman of a meeting of the same vestry duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent), we the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council all that is in this scheme contained under the several parts or headings hereinafter mentioned, as follows:—

“PART I.

“As to the proposed union itself, and certain immediate incidents thereof, we recommend and propose:—

“1. That the said benefice of Saint Luke, Charlton, and the said benefice of Saint Paul, Charlton, be united into one benefice under the style of ‘The Rectory of Saint Luke with Saint Paul, Old Charlton,’ which said united benefice is hereinafter called ‘the united benefice.’

“2. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said benefices shall be vacant, the union shall forthwith take effect, and if one only shall be then vacant the said union shall also forthwith take effect if the Incumbent of the other of the said benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the united benefice, but if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of his benefice, and the then Incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the united benefice, and in any case it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the said diocese of Southwark to admit to the united benefice such first Incumbent (if an Incumbent for the time being of either of the said benefices) without any form or fee of or for presentation and he shall thereupon become Incumbent of the united benefice. Until the time of the union taking effect the said two benefices shall remain separate and the rights and liabilities in respect thereof and of the Incumbents of each of them shall remain unaffected.

“PART II.

“As to the parish church of the united benefice and the church of Saint Paul, Charlton, and certain matters connected therewith we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, further recommend and propose:—

“1. That upon the union taking effect the church of Saint Luke, Charlton, shall become and